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MONTICELLI.

Among the great painters which France has produced during the past century, there is one whose works are comparatively little known by the world in general, and yet, they are of such beauty and importance that, sooner or later, they must be given their proper places in the

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The artist in question, Adolphe Joseph Thomas Monticelli, was a native of Marseilles; his early life was spent in a tiny village at the foot of the Maritime Alps, where wandering unrestrained among the rugged hills, the child learned to passionately adore the nature which in after wars he placed upon casuas in a marketure a marketure. in after years he placed upon canvas in so marvelous a manner. Almost from his infancy, the young Monticelli showed a decided tendency toward an artistic career, and, when still but a youth, entered the Ecole des Beaux Arts at Marseilles, where he soon gained the first prize for

However, the boy's father looked upon art as a poor business at best, and arranged to place his son with an old friend, in commerce, best, and arranged to place his son with an old friend, in commerce. At the end of six months this honest merchant dismissed his apprentice, sending to the father a message advising him never to trust the young man with a sou for investment, as he was utterly lacking in thousiness ability. This trait in Monticelli's character followed him throughout the whole course of his life; he was improvident and ignothroughout the whole course of his life; he was improvident and ignorant of money affairs to the last degree, but it was the means of enabling him to follow his beloved art, as, after the episode of his one business venture, he devoted himself entirely to artistic pursuits. A gipsy and wanderer by nature, Monticelli left the parental roof at an early age and went to Paris, where he frequented the galleries, the studios, and private collections, working indefatigably, now from models, again from memory, and sometimes copying the old masters, especially those of the Italian school, which he very much admired. He became acquainted with Diaz, and his canvases of this period show that the younger man was strongly influenced by the works of the master of rich color harmonies. Gradually, however, the strong personality of the artist asserted itself; step by step his work changed, growing in richness, in boldness and brilliancy, following no rules, clinging to no lines prescribed by school or conventional art. With his beloved paint-box for his sole companion, and art his only mistress, this strange man was accustomed to wander wherever his fancy led him, pausing from time to time to place with consumnate skill, a pleasing bit of nature upon his ever ready canvas. During all these years Monticelli was seldom understood and rarely appreciated; his works being looked upon by the general public as creations of an eccentric and amusing would-be-artist. Many of his most beautiful canvases were sold in cafés, where he went, from table to table, offering for a mere song paintings whose present value would have seemed a fortune to their original purchasers. rant of money affairs to the last degree, but it was the means of enabling original purchasers.

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Toward the end of his life his work underwent a complete change. Throwing drawing to the winds, he literally plastered the paint upon his canvas, the result being very much as if it had been used as a receptacle for discarded palette scrapings. Feeling paralysis creeping upon him, Monticelli painted incessantly, furiously, until one day, while seated before his easel, he completely lost all sensation and movement. A few days later, in May, 1886, he died at the age of sixty-two years. The range of subjects which this versatile man painted is almost without limit. A few portraits show that he was exceptionally strong in the portrayal of the human face, two or three religious pictures would seem to indicate that he was especially gifted in that direction; groups of flowers, of still life, barn-yard scenes and landscapes, all are represented, each with an individual charm peculiar to the subject. It was, however, in wood interiors, with groups of women and children, that Monticelli reached the limit of brilliant coloring. These canvases are like jewels or stained glass windows in their richness and beauty. Unfortunately the peculiar manner in which they are painted renders Unfortunately the peculiar manner in which they are painted renders it almost an impossibility to obtain photographs of the most important works, and to this fact is probably due the world's partial ignorance

works, and to this fact is probably due the world's partial ignorance of a great artist.

In the south of France there two splendid private collections of Monticelli's works; M. Delpiano, of Cannes, is the fortunate possessor of eight canvases, representing every phase of his artist friend's career. Among them is a most exquisite wood interior, whose rich, dark shadows throw into strong relief a group of women and children in the foreground. This especial picture is perhaps the finest example of the period when the painter was most strongly influenced by Diaz. In absolute contrast to this is one of a man plowing, in brilliant sunlight: no matter how dark the day this painting seems to radiate light, and the rich, brown earth suggests an early, moist spring day in the country. The Prince of Wales was desirous of purchasing this picture, saying that with it upon his walls he could have perpetual sunshine, even in the fogs of London; but its owner cannot be induced to part with it.

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M. Delpiano has, among other souvenirs of Monticelli, a palette upon which the paint has dried, just as the artist left it. It surely proves that a man's work may be judged by his palette; the bright jewel-like colors, the exquisite harmonies are here, as in the finished work. It seems almost like a bit of brilliant stained glass or a handful of gems thrown carelessly upon a piece of wood.

In the possession of M. Edmond André, of Marseilles, are a number

of the painter's finest works; one small canvas, which is considered by many connoisseurs as Monticelli's masterpiece, conveys the impression of a beautiful ruby, it is so rich and brilliant; the dense shadows of a wood, dark and yet luminous, show a group of women, children and dogs in the foreground, standing out in delicate, glowing tints. The pendant to this as a strangely opalescent picture, representing a group of people drinking tea under a large tree in the forest.

None of the canvases signed by Monticelli are large: he concentrated his subjects into a small space, and the compositions are marvelous in their grace and grouping, many of them being like scenes from a play

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It is remarkable that, in spite of their rare beauty and intrinsic value, the exquisite coloring, which has rarely been equalled, and never excelled, there is not in the public collections of Paris one single example of Monticelli's work, while many have recently been purchased by Americans.

BLANCHE DOUGAN COLE.

A metropolitan paper devotes a page to a discussion of the question as to whether the earthquake, which Biblical accounts tell us occurred at the time of the resurrection, was a miracle attendant or only a natural phenomenon happening at that time through mere coincidence. The old masters are dragged bodily into the argument as evidence pro and con, and the question is asked, in all seriousness: "Why did they not paint the earthquake?" The entire discussion reminds one of the sophistry of medieval days, when the monks, who were the only philosophers of the time, wrangled over such questions as: "Is God wiser than He is aware of?" and, "How many angels can light on the point of a needle?"

The masters were not historians, but artists, and having no kineto-scopic attachments to their easels, did not attempt to depict quaking and tumbling landscapes. It seems hardly respectful to the masters to use them for the purpose of filling space in an illustrated supplement.



The measures of the pictures enumerated are in centimeters, the height is first given, the prices are in francs.

Collection M. E. Blot. Hotel Drouot, May 9 and 10.

	Francs.
Carriere, "Child and Dog" (61x46)	13,000
Cezanne, "On the River Bank, Autumn" (61x50)	1800
Cézanne, "The House in the Valley" (60x50	5100
Daumier, "Horseman" (60x85)	1100
Fantin-Latour, "Nymph" (45x31)	
Guillaumin, "The Island Besse" (93x73)	3900
Jongkind, "Boulevard Montparnasse, Night" (33x24)	2000
Lebourg, "The Castle, Auvergne" (78x48)	2020
Lépine, "Canal in Paris" (28x43)	3000
Manet, "The Colors" (81x65)	3500
Monet, "Canal in Amsterdam" (65x55)	5300
Pissaro, "Hills at Vésinet" (65x43)	3100
Renoir, "Breakfast" (61x50)	4000
Renoir, "In the Garden" (73x60)	5200
Sisley, "Spring on the Loing" (60x73)	11,600
Sisley, "The Loing at Moret" (34x40)	9050
Degas, "Dancers," pastel (63x47)	
Manet, "Lady with Scarf," pastel (44x34)	1180
Renoir, "Women Dressing," gouache (62x53)	1000
Sisley, "The Beach at Moret," pastel (31x40)	660
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Collection of Defer-Dumesnil. Hotel Drouot, May 10-12.

In this collection, mostly of modern work, there were also found a number of examples of the older schools, many of which were of . . 36.000

"Portrait of Bilihad Perkeimer, Senator of Nuremberg" (20x21). 17,500	"Breton Interior" (41x55)
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Breughel, "Self Portrait" (26x20)	"On the Shore at Trouville" (18x32)
Rembrandt, "Tobias Recovering His Sight" (21x17) 4100	Forty-three pictures, oilpaintings, and watercolors brought a total of
Rembrandt, "Jesus and the Magdalene" (22x19) 2300	67,880 francs.
Rubens, "The Rape of the Sabines" (14x44)	The Collection Nahest Paint sold on the 22d of May contained a
Breughel, "Self Fortrait" (20x20). 1235 Rembrandt, "Tobias Recovering His Sight" (21x17). 4100 Rembrandt, "Jesus and the Magdalene" (22x19). 2300 Rubens, "The Rape of the Sabines" (14x44). 1520 J. Ruysdael, "Dutch Landscape" (18x14). 6000 Cherdin. "Action" (23x44). 7500	The Collection Nobert Pain, sold on the 23d of May, contained a large number of paintings by Antoine Vollon, who died last August, besides some less important works. The Vollon's, which are now
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Fragonard "The Sleening Watch" (25x37)	naturally at once appreciated in value, sold as follows:
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Lagneau, "Portrait of a Cardinal" (34x22) 3650	"Cottages Near Valmondois" (59x70)
Lallemand, "View of Chantilly" (38x68) 5000	"View of Paris" (54x65)
Lawrence, "The Last Stand" (diam 7)	"Marine" (23x32
LeBrun, "Portrait of Charles Perrault" (53x41)	"Farm Near Bessancourt" (72x105)
Le Paon, "The Review" (38x82)	Stillite (35x46)
Lespinasse, View of Versames (20x35)	
Mennier "The Fountains at Saint-Cloud" (17x25) 3500	An important collection of Old Masters was sold at Brussels on the
Rubens, "The Rape of the Sabines" (14844)	23d of May: Engelbrecht, "Adoration of the Shepherds"
Moreau, "The Church at Montmorency" (15x22) 1050	Engelbrecht, "Adoration of the Shepherds"
Poussin, "The Wedding" (17x22)	Memling "The Last Judgment"
C. Vernet, "Muletiers" (35x45)	Van Orley, "Adoration of the Magi"
Watteau, "Portrait of Angelo Constantini" (37x40) 16,100	Schoreel, "Pieta"
Watteau, "Head of a Woman" (7xb)	Roger van der Weyden, "Mater Dolorosa" 15,000
do Vinci "Study of Dropery" (20x28)	Roger van der Weyden, "Ecce Homo" 16,000
There were four other studies of drapery by Leonardo, somewhat	Ysebrandt, "Christ between the Two Thieves" 15,000
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Duprè, "The Road by the Inn" (40x56)	Hotel Drouot, consisted of drawings and watercolors by French
Gèrome, "Buffalo Herd" (66x81)	Masters.
Marilhat, "Halt in the Desert" (36x59)	Boucher, "Danae Receiving the Golden Rain" (30x47) 7000
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Boudin, "Seashore" (45x64)	The collection of the late M. Ricardo Herédia, sold on June 20
Cazin, "Entrance to the Village" (60x82)	Paris, contained many examples that were formerly in the Khalil Be
Cazin, The Mill" (45x54)	collection. Calame, "Swiss Landscape" (15x19)
Corot, "The Fisherman" (34x60)	Chaplin "The Luncheon" (22205)
Corot, "Italian Woman" (64x54)	Delacroix, "A Legend" (26x30)
Corot "One of the Muses" (16107)	Goya, "Young Woman with a Letter" (AIX31)
Corot, "Girl Reading" (44x26)	Ingres, "Sleeping Woman" (105x140)
Daubigny, "Pasture at the River" (46x81)	Prudhon, "Truth Mounting to Heaven" (round 38) 200
Decamps, "The Chase" (14x40).	H. Ton Kata "I all I (18x23)
Decamps, "A Master" (29x23)	Troyon "Autumn in Fontainehlers" (30x50)
Delacroix, "Columbus at the Convent Saint Just" (23x32) 4200	180 (50x00)
Diaz, "Before the Storm" (46x67)	* * *
Fromentin "The Char" (23x39)	Among the prices brought at the sale of a miscellaneous collection the 23d of June were: Boudin, "View at Plougastel" (55x89)
Fromentin, "The Chief's Penderyous" (2002)	on the 23d of June were:
Henner, "Sleening" (22x20)	John Lawis Prove "Saldian C. Stx89)
Isabey, "Arrival of the Coach" (60x73)	Carrière "Tenderness" (46xxx) 46
Isabey, "The Tomb of the Knight"	Corot. "Fisherman" (10x27)
Jongkind, "The Seine at the Quai d'Anujou" (46x73) 15,000	Daubigny, "Morning on the Oise" (30x52)
Jongkind, "Moonrise on the Canal" (26x40)	Daumier, "At the Foot of a Tree" (13x25)
Lepine, "The Harbor" (34x44)	Diaz, "The Forest" (26x19)
Moreon "Inach and the April" (1990)	Guillaumin, "The Ponds at Saint-Cheron" (61x74) 210
Meunier "Fishermen" (* 1924)	Guillaumin, "Quai Saint-Bernard" (54x74) 260
Pissaro, "Boats on the River" (rayer)	Manet "The Fisherman" (46-7)
Roybet, "Poor Play" (54x45)	Monet "Summer" (74×170)
Sisley, "Inundation at Port Marley" (51x61)	Monet, "Wheat in August" (55.72)
Sisley, "Moret" (64x90)	Monticelli, "Messidor" (34x42)
Sisley, "The Road" (38x81)	Pissaro, "The Field" (55x91)
Stevens, "The Widow" (60x48)	Pissaro, "A Hamlet by the Hillside" (60x80)
Stevens, "Mute Dialogue" (52x63)	Ribot, "Before the Church"
Thaulow, "The Rivulet in the Field" (65x81)	Sisley, "Moret" (60x73)
Troyon "The Oaksond" (7000)	* * *
Troyon, "Cattle at the Watering place" (47255)	Collection Antoine Heller of Vienna.
Troyon, "The Valley of the Toucques" (58x80)	Hotel Drouot, June 26.
Van Marcke, "Cattle" (67x100)	Berchem, "Shepherds and Their Flocks" (120x114) 58
Vollon, "Flowers in a Vase" (60x40)	Brekelenkamp, "A Visit to the Invalid" (45x63)
Ziem, "Fishing-boats at Venice" (68x105)	Van Goyen, "View of a Dutch City" (50x81)
Besnard, "Woman in White Gown," pastel (50x61) 5000	Db. do Variate "Data I II" (78x110)
Dupré, "Horses at the River," pastel (23x47) 2050	Van der Meer van Haarlam "Dutch Carall" (200)
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